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## **PARKVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORN**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Parkville, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for possessing child pornography and attempting to receive and distribute child pornography.

**Michael Shawn McCourt**, 21, of Parkville, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon to 10 years in federal prison without parole.

On July 8, 2005, **McCourt** was convicted by a federal trial jury of attempting to distribute child pornography over the Internet, two counts of attempting to receive child pornography over the Internet, and possessing child pornography.

**McCourt** operated a file-sharing system in an Internet chat room under the name #100%PreTeenGirlSexPics that was dedicated to trading child pornography. **McCourt** had set up his system to require users to provide him with images of child pornography in order to access child pornography from his computer.

“**McCourt** attempted to collect vast amounts of child pornography,” Graves said, “with a high volume of traffic visiting his computer to barter for images.”

For example, Graves noted, in a one-day period in June 2003, more than 800 images were downloaded from **McCourt's** computer. **McCourt** also advertised that he would give access to his entire collection of child pornography in exchange for what he described as images of “young forced nudity.”

The offense and related conduct involved hundreds of images and more than 100 videos of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct, Graves said, including minors under the age of 12 and portrayals of sadistic, masochistic and violent conduct.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. The case was

investigated by the Platte County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Rockhill, N.Y., Sheriff's Department.

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